

8 - PNSA / PNSAA ELITE SEASON PASS

The Elite Pass is a unique PNSA tradition. It is an arrangement between ski area operators and ski racing unprecedented in the U.S. See the Pacific Northwest Ski Educational Foundation section for a history on the Elite Pass.

The following point cutoffs have been used to determine eligibility:

Men: 180 or below in any discipline Women: 190 or below in any discipline

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. The PNSA/PNSAA Elite Season Pass allows the purchaser (valid USSA competitor) to ski at the participating PNSAA areas.
2. The racer, to be eligible for a pass, must be a member of an established PNSA Team or Club, and have renewed her/his USSA membership by June 30th. Limited provision is made to accommodate non-club racers. The pass is only available for racers under the age of 25.
3. The pass will be valid September 15 through May 30th of the current competition season.
4. The pass is not valid at PNSA sponsored training camps where the lift ticket is included in the camp fee. Ski area operators may choose to honor, or not honor, the Elite Pass at Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing Assoc (OISRA) competitions.
5. Passes must be purchased by the last processing date of the competition year. For sufficient reasons, a petition may be submitted to the PNSA office asking for approval to purchase a pass after that date.
6. Applications will be processed seven times each fall at approximately two week intervals. Applications received after the current processing date will have to wait until the next processing date for the pass to be printed and sent.
7. If a pass holder should be injured, the racer may apply to the PNSA for a refund on a pro rata basis. Refund requests must be submitted by Mar 15th of the current season, with appropriate medical documentation.
8. If a pass is lost, a replacement pass can be purchased for an additional processing fee of \$30.00.
9. The Elite Pass will be sold to all valid USSA competitors who meet the Elite Pass cut-off points using the USSA points list valid July 20th of the current season (see points cutoffs above). The top 3 finishers in the Buddy Werner Championship events of the past season, who were 2nd year J4s when they competed, are also eligible to participate in this program.
10. Use of the Elite Pass is a privilege and is restricted to use by the purchaser only. All rules and regulations of the PNSA, PNSAA, USSA and other ski area policies where the pass is used shall apply. Abusers of the Elite Pass can be subject to prosecution by the ski areas and can result in disciplinary sanctions by PNSA to include possible suspension or revocation of the Elite Pass. (Please review the USSA Code of Conduct in your USSA Alpine Competition Guide and the PNSA Conduct and Disciplinary policies presented earlier in this Manual).
11. The pass holder must have competed in 50% of the eligible races scheduled by mid-February of the past season. PNSA racers, who were out-of-division attending races at a level higher than divisional racing, may apply those races toward the required 50%.
12. The pass holder assumes all risks and liabilities associated with the sport of skiing.

Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Honoring the Elite Pass in 2009-2010

Alpental (See Summit at Snoqualmie)
Bogus Basin
Cooper Spur Ski Area
Crystal Mountain
49 Degrees North Mountain Resort
Hoodoo Mountain Resort
Hurricane Ridge
Leavenworth Ski Hill
Loup Loup Ski Bowl
Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort
Mt. Ashland
Mt. Bachelor
Mt. Baker Ski Area
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort
Mt. Hood Skibowl Winter Resort

Mt. Spokane Ski & Snowboard Park
Schweitzer Mountain
Silver Mountain
Ski Anthony Lakes
Ski Bluewood
Spout Springs Ski Area
Stevens Pass Resort
Summit at Snoqualmie
 Alpental
 Summit East
 Summit Central
 Summit West
Timberline Lodge & Ski Area
Warner Canyon Ski Area
White Pass Ski Area
Willamette Pass Resort